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It is the position of this office that robocalls are a scourge on the citizens of Mississippi. This Declaratory Ruling<sup>1</sup> ensures that the Mississippi Public Service Commission (hereinafter MSPSC) will be able to protect and shield Mississippians from these cumbersome, and at times predatory, calls. Under this Declaratory Ruling, the MSPSC will be able to fully enforce the newly amended Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act<sup>2</sup> and the Mississippi Anti-Spoofing Act.<sup>3</sup> Mississippi has begun exploring requiring telephone providers to certify they have implemented anti-robocall and anti-spoofing measures or be held responsible. With over a quarter million complaints made to the MSPSC as of June 30, 2019, the assistance of the FCC by virtue of this Declaratory Ruling is most appreciated. Additionally, the

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<sup>1</sup> Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls; Call Authentication Trust Anchor, CG Docket No. 17-59, WC Docket No. 17-97, Declaratory Ruling and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. FCC 19-51 (June 7, 2019) (Order and FNPRM)

<sup>2</sup> Mississippi Code §77-3-701, et seq., amended July 2019

<sup>3</sup> Mississippi Code §77-3-801, et seq., amended July 2019

MSPSC would note that Mississippi has several rural telephone providers and would like to see an extended timeline for these providers to implement a SHAKEN/STIR protocol as dictated by the FCC.<sup>4</sup> Lastly, the MSPSC would like to see the tools used by voice service providers offered at no cost to consumers, based on the estimated savings to those providers for implementing these tools.<sup>5</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> Order and FNPRM at 19.

<sup>5</sup> Order and FNPRM at 14-15, estimating \$3 billion in savings a year for providers.